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For: GROUND CONNECTOR

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Transmitted herewith is a **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION** and **PROVISIONAL ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE** in the above-identified application.

- ☐ A small entity statement was previously submitted in this application.  
☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.  
☒ A filing fee for extra claims does not appear required.  
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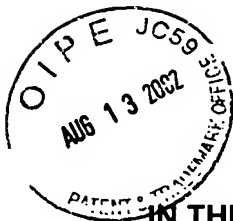
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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and provisional election, consideration of the following remarks, reconsideration of the restriction requirement and allowance of all claims.

### PROVISIONAL ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

The Applicant traverses the Examiner's restriction requirement reserving the right to petition the requirement. The Applicant provisionally elects restriction to claims 9-13.

The Applicant disagrees with the requirement for restriction, and request reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the requirement. The Applicant has amended claim 1 and added claims <sup>14</sup>~~13~~-17 and, as such, any proper election requirement imposed by the Examiner is obviated. If there is no proper support for the assertion that the combination in claims 9-13 is patentable without the details of claims 1-8, restriction therefore should not be required.

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